

**THE CLAIMS:**

The Claims as originally filed are set forth below.

1. (ORIGINAL) An illuminating pet leash comprising:  
a flexible and strong tethering line having a tethering length and first and second free ends;  
an elongated illuminating light source assembly enclosing the tethering length of said tethering line; and,  
a hook member coupled to said first free end and which is adapted to be coupled to a pet collar wherein said tethering line is independent from the elongated illuminating light source assembly so that pulling and tugging forces exerted by a pet on said first free end are isolated from said elongated illuminating light source assembly.
2. (ORIGINAL) The illuminating pet leash of CLAIM 1, wherein said tethering line comprises a leader line.
3. (ORIGINAL) The illuminating pet leash of CLAIM 1, wherein said tethering line is lightweight.
4. (ORIGINAL) The illuminating pet leash of CLAIM 1, wherein said tethering line is made of a steel wire having a strength of at least 120 pounds.

5. (ORIGINAL) The illuminating pet leash of CLAIM 1, wherein:  
said tethering line comprises a leader line folded about a midpoint on said leader line to form two parallel strands;  
said first free end comprising a fold at said midpoint; and,  
said fold loops around a ring of said hook member for secure attachment thereto.

6. (ORIGINAL) The illuminating pet leash of CLAIM 1, further comprising:

a handle assembly coupled to said second free end of said tethering line.

7. (ORIGINAL) The illuminating pet leash of CLAIM 6, wherein said elongated illuminating light source assembly comprises:

a transparent tube having said tethering length of said tethering line journaled therein;

an elongated electro-luminescent light source journaled through said transparent tube; and,

an electrical illuminating circuit housed in said handle assembly and coupled to said elongated electro-luminescent light source.

8. (ORIGINAL) The illuminating pet leash of CLAIM 7, wherein:  
said handle assembly comprises a pop rivet; and,  
said second free end of said tethering line is coupled to said pop rivet.

9. (ORIGINAL) The illuminating pet leash of CLAIM 7, wherein said electrical illuminating circuit comprises:

a battery housed in said handle assembly;

an on-off switch electrically coupled to said battery and affixed to said handle assembly; and,

means for coupling said battery to said elongated electroluminescent light source.

10. (ORIGINAL) An illuminating pet leash comprising:

means for tethering a pet having a tethering length and first and second free ends;

means for illuminating and enclosing said means for tethering; and,

means for hooking to a pet collar and which is coupled to said first free end wherein said tethering means is independent from said illuminating and enclosing means so that pulling and tugging forces exerted by a pet on said first free end are isolated from said illuminating and enclosing means.

11. (ORIGINAL) The illuminating pet leash of CLAIM 10, wherein said tethering means comprises a leader line.

12. (ORIGINAL) The illuminating pet leash of CLAIM 10, wherein said tethering means is lightweight.

13. (ORIGINAL) The illuminating pet leash of CLAIM 10, wherein said tethering means is made of a steel wire having a strength of at least 120 pounds.

14. (ORIGINAL) The illuminating pet leash of CLAIM 10, wherein:

said tethering means comprises a leader line folded about a midpoint on said leader line to form two parallel strands;

said first free end comprising a fold at said midpoint; and,  
said fold loops around a ring of said hooking means for secure attachment thereto.

15. (ORIGINAL) The illuminating pet leash of CLAIM 10, further comprising:

a handle assembly coupled to said second free end of said tethering means.

16. (ORIGINAL) The illuminating pet leash of CLAIM 15, wherein said illuminating and enclosing means comprises:

a transparent tube having said tethering length of said tethering means journaled therein;

an elongated electro-luminescent light source journaled through said transparent tube; and,

an electrical illuminating circuit housed in said handle assembly and coupled to said elongated electro-luminescent light source.

17. (ORIGINAL) The illuminating pet leash of CLAIM 16, wherein:  
said handle assembly comprises a pop rivet; and,  
said second free end of said tethering means is coupled to said pop rivet.

18. (ORIGINAL) The illuminating pet leash of CLAIM 16, wherein said electrical illuminating circuit comprises:

a battery housed in said handle assembly;

an on-off switch electrically coupled to said battery and affixed to said handle assembly; and,

means for coupling said battery to said elongated electroluminescent light source.